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TAGS: OREP (JACOB JAVITS), GW

SUBJECT: VISIT OF SENATOR JAVITS TO BONN, DEC. 2-3

REF: ROME 19870 (NOTAL)

BEGIN SUMMARY: IN A BRIEF VISIT, PACKED FULL WITH APPOINTMENTS, SENATOR JAVITS MET WITH THE FEDERAL PRESIDENT, THE CHANCELLOR, THE FOREIGN MINISTER, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, POLITICIANS AND JOURNALISTS. BEFORE DEPARTING FOR PARIS, HE GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE AT WHICH HE STRESSED THE EXCELLENT STATE OF GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS, GERMAN AGREEMENT ON THE NEED FOR MULTILATERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE UK AND WARNED THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION.

IN HIS MEETING WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, THE SENATOR STRESSED THE NEED FOR MULTILATERAL ACTION TO PROVIDE GREAT BRITAIN WITH DESPERATELY NEEDED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. BOTH GENSCHER AND SCHMIDT EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE UK SITUATION AND WERE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEED FOR A MULTILATERAL APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM. END SUMMARY.
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1. SENATOR JACOB JAVITS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE AMBASSADOR, HAD BREAKFAST WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER. IN CONVERSATION WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER, SENATOR JAVITS DISCUSSED HIS VISIT TO THE UK, PARTICULARLY HIS MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN. SENATOR JAVITS TOLD THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT HE THOUGHT THE UK WOULD ACCEPT THE PROPOSED IMF LOAN BUT THIS WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF COMING TO GRIPS WITH THE SITUATION. THE UK, HE SAID, WILL NEED ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL HELP OF CONSIDERABLE MAGNITUDE OVER THE NEXT THREE TO FIVE YEARS.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER EXPRESSED GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE POINTS MADE BY THE SENATOR. GENSCHER ALSO DISPLAYED PARTICULAR CONCERN ABOUT THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN GREAT BRITAIN AND WAS WORRIED THAT CALLAGHAN MIGHT BE FORCED FROM OFFICE. SUCH A SITUATION THE FOREIGN MINISTER FELT, COULD LEAD TO RENEWED DIFFICULTIES WITH THE BRITISH TRADE UNIONS. THE GROWTH OF SEPARATIST PARTIES IN THE UK, AS WELL AS THE ACTIONS OF THE LABOR PARTY'S LEFT-WINGERS AGAINST THEIR OWN PARTY, ALSO CONCERN THE GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER. GENSCHER STRESSED THE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION THE FRG WAS MAKING TO THE UK THROUGH THE MAINTENANCE OF AGRICULTURE SUPPORT PRICES IN THE EC. OTHER TOPICS TOUCHED UPON WERE THE GENERAL EUROPEAN POLITICAL SITUATION AND THE NEED FOR A STRONG ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

3. SENATOR JAVITS' MEETING WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT COVERED MUCH THE SAME GROUND AS THE MEETING WITH GENSCHER. SCHMIDT WAS, IF ANYTHING, RATHER MORE GLOOMY ABOUT THE UK SITUATION THAN THE FOREIGN MINISTER. SENATOR JAVITS CAME AWAY FROM HIS VISIT WITH THE CHANCELLOR EXTREMELY IMPRESSED WITH HIS COMPETENCE AND HIS SENSE OF HUMANITY.

4. THE SENATOR OPENED THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON DEC. 3 WITH SOME REMARKS ABOUT THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. HE MENTIONED THAT IN HIS MEETINGS IN BONN HE HAD FOUND GENERAL AGREEMENT AMONG GERMAN OFFICIALS FOR THE NEED

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TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE UK. HE SAID THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THE IMF WOULD GRANT THE LOAN TO THE BRITISH AND THAT THE CONDITIONS WOULD NOT BE SO ONEROUS THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT COULD NOT ACCEPT THEM. WHEN A REPORTER ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED STATES ABOUT THE SALE OF NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANTS TO THIRD COUNTRIES, JAVITS REPLIED THAT THIS WAS A SERIOUS

PROBLEM. THE UNITED STATES, HE SAID, IS VERY CONCERNED
ABOUT PROLIFERATION AND WOULD SEEK TO CONVINCE OUR

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GERMAN AND FRENCH FRIENDS NOT TO EXPORT REPROCESSING
PLANTS TO BRAZIL OR PAKISTAN.

5. IN ADDITION TO MEETINGS MENTIONED ABOVE, SENATOR
JAVITS MET WITH TRANSPORTATION STATE SECRETARY RUHNAU
AND KARL KAISER, DIRECTOR OF THE GERMAN FOREIGN POLICY
ASSOCIATION. HE WAS ALSO THE GUEST OF HONOR AT A
LUNCH WHICH INCLUDED AMONG OTHERS: CDU SECRETARY
GENERAL BIEDENKOPF, FEDERAL PRESS SPOKESMAN BOELLING,
BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES, LEADING JOURNALISTS AND
INDUSTRIALISTS.

6. THE ABOVE MESSAGE WAS CLEARED BY SENATOR JAVITS,
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